

M-5's, Intended For Germans and Japs, Make Big Noise

Explosive reports heard in Joliet and other areas near the Joliet arsenal since Tuesday are being caused by the destruction of M-5 plastic anti-personnel mines, it was reported today by Col. R. R. Klanderman, commanding officer of the arsenal.

Approximately 15,000 of the mines will be demolished by the end of September and after that they will be destroyed at the rate of 10,000 a month. A total of 92,000 of the mines are scheduled to be detonated.

Because of expense of storing, inspecting and maintaining the mines would exceed their worth, and because the components are of no use in civilian or military work, the war department has authorized their destruction.

On clear days the sound of the explosions can be heard in an area 10 to 12 miles in all directions from the plant. On cloudy days, due to the ceiling which holds the sound closer to the ground, spreading it horizontally instead of vertically, the sound may be transmitted more than 20 miles in each direction, Col. Klanderman explained.